MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FORTY-THIRD DAY.

Tuesday, 16th October 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA, B.SC., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Gold Mining Industry (Nationalisation)

Q.—664. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by the State Government to put into execution the unanimous resolution of this Assembly to nationalise the "Gold Mining Industry" of Kolar Gold Fields since the time of the last Session of the State Assembly ;

(*b*) the progress so far made in this behalf ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Finance).—

(*a*) and (*b*) The Bill to give effect to the mandate of the Legislature is being placed before the Legislature at its current session.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—In connection with the nationalisation of the Gold Mining Industry, is it true Sir, that a guarantee of about five years has been given by this Government at the instance of the Central Government to the European services as against Indian services in the K.G.F. Mines ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Anyhow, when the Bill comes up for discussion today, if the Hon'ble Member agrees, he may raise these points and I will give a reply.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Apart from the discussion on the Bill, I want to know whether a direction has been sent by the Central Government to the State Government suggesting a guarantee of five years to Europeans discriminating against the Indian services in the mines ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No. directive has been given.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has a suggestion at least been made by the Central Government to the State Government ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is a matter for the State Government to examine whether it is advantageous to retain the services of Europeons in the interest of working the mines at least in the transition period.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—The question was this : I wanted to know whether a suggestion had been made by the Central Government to the State Government and whether a guarantee of five years has to be given to the European services in the K. G. F. Mines ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—So far, Sir, we are not parties to any such guarantee being given.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—I request the Chair to direct the Hon'ble Minister to answer my point.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point is whether any suggestion has been received by the Mysore Government from the Central Government.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—During the time of the discussion it was generally discussed also whether it would be advantageous in the interests of the mines to retain the services of the Europeans for some time in the transition period. That was only in the formative stages.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has that suggestion been dropped for the present ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is under the consideration of the Government.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it true Sir, that the Central Government has suggested that John Taylor & Company has to be taken as the Managing Director for the running of the Gold Mines ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—These are matters on which no decision has been taken and I am not in a position to disclose anything which is purely in s stage of correspondence.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—I request the Hon'ble Chair to direct the Government to give proper reply to my questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister says that these are some of the things that cannot be revealed. The correspondence that passes between the Central Government and the State Government may be confidential.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Sir, we can only disclose points on which a decision has been taken. With regard to the matters in correspondence, it would be premature and it would not be in public interest also.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—With regard to the fixation of compensation, what is the basis on which a sum of Rs. 164 lakhs has been fixed ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That could be raised during the discussion on the Bill. The whole story has been narrated. The question-hour is not meant for that.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the reasons for fixing by the State Government the compensation at 89 lakhs in the first instance and their stand in raising it to 164 lakhs, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already explained in very great detail the reasons why compensation was fixed at 164 lakhs. I would invite the attention of the Hon'ble Member to the points I submitted for the conideration of this House at the stage of moving the consideration motion, relating to that Bill.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it true that when the amount of 119 lakhs was fixed by the India Government in consultation with State Government, The share value for a period of ten years was taken into consideration ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—At no stage was 119 lakhs fixed by the Central Government. That was purely a matter for the Government of Mysore to fix it. If the House so desires, I have no objection to place all these details during the discussion of the Bill.

N.G.Os. (Pay Scales)

Q.—666. Sri G. PUTTASWAMY (Chikmagalur--Mudigere- —. Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the existing scales of pay of the non-gazetted officers in the States of Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad and Coorg Parts of whose territories are coming over to the New Mysore State;

(*b*) what will be the position regarding the scales of pay of N.G.O.'s of the existing Mysore State after the formation of Vishala Mysore ;

(*c*) the action taken by them to revise the scales of pay of the N.G.O.'s of present Mysore State to the highest of the scales of pay prevailing in the States referred to in (*a*) above ;

(*d*) the extra cost that would be incurred in case the scales of pay are enhanced to the highest of the aforesaid scales of pay ;

(*e*) the action taken on the report of the Pay Structure Committee constituted by them recently?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Finance).—

(*a*) Reference is invited to statement appended which shows comparative scales of some of the posts. Complete information is not readily available.

(*b*) and (*c*) This is a matter for decision after 1st November 1956.

(*d*) About Rs. 5 crores.

(*e*) The question of giving interim relief is under consideration.